

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 14, starting at line 5 and ending at line 12, as indicated:

Above the UDP or TCP stack are sockets, depicted as sockets 68. The sockets are [[a]] software [[object]] objects that connect an application to a network protocol. In a UNIX environment, an application such as system power control network (SPCN), discussed further below, connects the network protocol of either UDP/IP or TCP/IP. In [[units]] UNIX, for example, the SPCN program can send and receive TCP/IP or UDP/IP messages by opening the software socket or port and reading and writing data to and from the socket (or port). When using UDP/IP, the connection can be made without a socket as discussed in more detail below.